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Docket No. 4296-171 US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of KAKINUMA et al.	:	Customer No. 26817
Serial No. 10/792,072	:	Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: March 3, 2004	:	Examiner: Anish P. DESAI
Title: PRE-APPLIED OUTER LAYER MATERIAL FOR AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR TRIM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR TRIM	:	Confirmation No. 4211
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a December 21, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim panel, classified in class 428, subclass 343+.

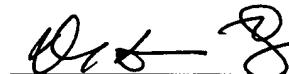
II. Claims 12, drawn to a method for the production of an automotive interior trim, classified in class 427, subclass various.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, 1-11, drawn to a pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim panel, classified in class 428, subclass 343+ for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the system of Group I would uncover the method of Group II. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 11, 2006


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